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The general question presented in the above-entitled causes involves the determination of the extent of the authority of the Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States, in aid of the administration's oil conservation policy, to withdraw the public lands of the United States from the operation of certain portions of the oil and gas provisions of the Leasing Act of 1920 (c. 85, 41 Stat. 437, U. S. C., Title 30, Secs. 181 *et seq.*). This question is of importance in the administration of the public lands.

Approximately two hundred similar cases are now pending in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The Attorneys General of the States of Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Utah have notified us of their intention to apply for leave to file briefs in this Court as *amici curiae* in support of the petitions.

For these reasons the Government does not oppose the petitions.

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